



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Merl Lee
4 Butler on Saturday, April 1, 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Merl Lee Snow was born on November 24, 1926, in
6 Chicago to George and Mattie May Snow; she married James Butler
7 on March 24, 1951; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Butler was an active member of the Church of
9 God in Christ and has attended Faith Temple, (C.O.G.I.C.), for
10 the past 20 years; she faithfully served on the Mothers Board
11 and expressed her appreciation and gratitude for God's
12 blessings, life, and the fellowship and warmth she received
13 from both friends and strangers throughout her lifetime; and

14 WHEREAS, She will be remembered for her love for her family
15 and friends, her great sense of humor, her many candid remarks,
16 and the warmth she generated to her fellow man; she was the
17 kind of woman who enjoyed life to the fullest, which meant she
18 lived it serving her God; and

19 WHEREAS, The passing of Merl Lee Butler has been deeply
20 felt by many, especially her children, Howard Snow, Gwennetta
21 Smiley, Dr. Felicia Y. Blasingame (Zachary), and Rose Butler;
22 her grandchildren, Toni, Ronald, Nena, Hassan, Chloe, and
23 Devin; her great-grandchildren, Nina, Kayla, Imani, and Ronald
24 III; her brother, Ernest Snow; and her many cousins and
25 friends; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we mourn the passing of Merl Lee Butler, and we extend our
29 deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and all who knew and
30 loved her; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to her family as an expression of our sincerest
3 condolences.